

Letters on the Socks

A man was at a banquet listening to a well-known and much-admired political leader making a speech. He was seated next to the speaker's wife.

He had noticed that the speaker was immaculately attired; he even had fancy monograms on his socks. But when he looked a little closer, he saw that the monogram was not your usual two or three letters, but rather four letters. And they didn't seem to have any relationship to his initials.

On closer inspection, he noticed that the monogram was TGIF. Puzzled by these familiar initials being on the man's socks, he turned to the politician's wife and asked why he had TGIF on his socks, which everyone knew meant Thank Goodness It's Friday.

She nodded her head negatively and said, "Oh, no, that's not what the letters are for. The monograms are there to help him get dressed. They stand for Toes Go In First!"

We may chuckle at this illustration, but it does prove a couple of points:

1. Assumptions can lead to embarrassment.
2. Most folks are not brilliant about every issue in life, including some common-sense considerations.

The adage rings true: Don't jump to conclusions.

– Beecher Hunter